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Teen drops petition to withdraw guilty plea

Roksana Sikorski, the Plymouth Township teen sentenced to 10-20 years in prison for a murderous attack on her family in October of 2014, has withdrawn her latest legal plea.

Sikorski, through her appellate attorney, filed a motion with the court to withdraw her guilty plea to a single charge of assault with intent to murder, claiming she did not fully understand the consequences of the plea arrangement and did not receive adequate legal representation in the initial court proceedings.

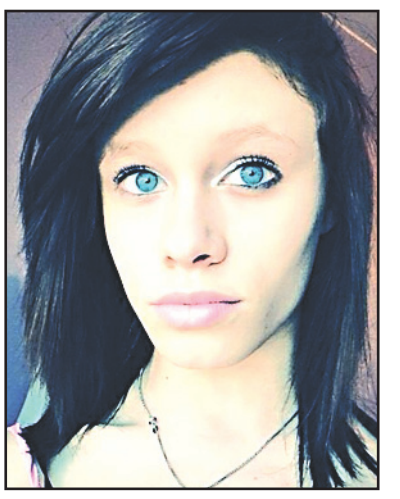
She and her boyfriend, Michael Rivera, then 22, were originally charged with seven felonies in a plot to murder her parents and two siblings. He was convicted by a jury on all seven counts and is now serving a life sentence in the murder plot.

Sikorski and Rivera were exchanging explicit text messages during the Oct. 17, 2014 attack when she went into her 12-year-old brother's room and deeply sliced his throat. His screams awakened her parents and younger sister, whom she also attempted to stab. Police were called to the home as the couple fled to Rivera's Detroit apartment where they were arrested the next morning. Prosecutors said that Sikorski, 15, at the time, was following instructions on how to kill her family sent to her phone by Rivera, including an anatomical diagram showing her how to slit their throats.

She accepted the plea deal arrangement with prosecutors last February in exchange for them dropping the six other felony charges, including four counts of conspiracy to commit murder, using a computer to commit a crime and assault with a dangerous weapon. She was sentenced in March, 2016 to 10-20 years in prison and has been incarcerated at the Huron Valley Correctional Facility for Women in Ypsilanti.

Her parents, Jeff and Laurene Sikorski, adopted all three children from Poland, nearly 13 years ago. They have continued to defend her actions and claim that she was manipulated by Rivera into the murder plot in response to sexual misconduct charges they filed against him. Rivera eventually pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal sexual conduct as a result of his relationship with the 15-year-old.

Sikorski's parents said that they had opposed the plea deal from the beginning and had threatened to file a grievance against her attorney, claiming that he coerced the teen into accepting the plea deal. The couple agreed that they wanted a jury trial for their daughter, preserving her right to appeal any verdict. Their involvement with her defense was limited by law as they were among the victims of the crime.



Roksana Sikorski

Circuit Court Judge James Callahan, who originally presided over the trial and eventually sentenced Sikorski, issued a gag order in the case, preventing the attorneys from making any comment on the proceedings.

On the run

Liberty Run leads off Canton festival

Canton Liberty Fest will again host the 6th Annual Canton Liberty Run, which will include 5K, 10K, and One Mile events on Saturday, June 17.

The runs are organized in collaboration with RF Events of Ann Arbor.

All races will start at the clock tower corner of Veterans Way and Civic Center Boulevard, located adjacent to the north end of the Canton Public Library parking lot. Participants are encouraged to run, walk or stroll the courses through neighborhood streets and the scenic Lower Rouge Trail. Race distances include a 5K race to begin at 8 a.m.; a 10K race to begin at 8:30 a.m.; and a One Mile Fun Run to begin at 10:15 a.m. 5K and 10K races will be timed with a "RFID" Timing Systems using a disposable tag attached to the runner's bib. Race results will be posted at the race site, and following the event the official results will be posted online at www.cantonlibertyrun.com. There is no chip timing for the One Mile Fun Run.

Runners and walkers participating in the Liberty Run are encouraged to wear Stars, Stripes, and Sparkles for a chance to win a prize. Theme awards will be presented to the top three winners in categories including Best Red, White and Blue outfit and Best Salute to Sparkles outfit. A Glittering

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Canton awarded $50,000 state recycling grant

Canton Township was recently awarded a $50,000 Recycling Infrastructure Grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The funds will go toward the purchase of new 64-gallon automated recycling carts for township residents' use.

The grant is part of Gov. Rick Snyder's Residential Recycling Plan of Action which aims to increase the residential recycling rate to 30 percent within two years. Last year, Canton recycled 6,803 tons which is 16.75 percent of the total residential waste stream. By providing the 64-gallon carts, Canton officials hope to increase that rate to 21.5 percent. When combined with the residential yard waste collected, Canton will exceed the state recycling goal of 30 percent.

> *"This grant helps our community move toward sustainability and making Canton a better place for our residents.*

Canton Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, identified the grant which made approximately $250,000 available to communities. Canton was one of five communities in Michigan to receive grant money and the only community to be awarded the maximum amount of $50,000.

In comparison, the City of Houghton was awarded $7,904, Village of Bingham Farms was awarded $15,750, Grosse Pointe was awarded $28,350 and Detroit was awarded $34,132.72.

"This grant helps our community move toward sustainability and making Canton a better place for our residents," said Graham-Hudak.

Delivery of the new carts is under way and crews will deliver carts to the end of each resident's driveway - residents do not need to be present to receive the cart. Residents may begin using the new cart as soon as they receive it, however it will take about three weeks to deliver all 27,500 carts. Residents should continue using the 18-gallon green bins until the new cart is delivered to their home.

For more information visit www.canton-mi.org or call at (844) 464-3587.

Private access road dispute leads to township hall

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A long and winding dispute between neighbors sharing an access road to their respective properties led to Plymouth Township Hall and the meeting of the board of trustees last week.

Patrick Kelley, a life-long resident of the township, told the board members that he has maintained the 1,800 foot access road that leads to his home for decades. The private driveway is considered an egress easement for Kelley and three other homeowners, one of whom has prohibited Kelley from continuing his efforts to keep the driveway free of plant growth, overhanging tree limbs and refuse.

Attorney Patrick Guentner spoke to the trustees on Kelley's behalf and explained that his client, who has lived on the property for more than 60 years, is frustrated by the failure of township Ordinance Ofc. Kathy Pumphrey and Chief Building Official Mark Lewis to address the noxious weed violations and overhead tree branches that could restrict emergency access to his home. Kelley's 87-year-old mother lives in the home and unrestricted access for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks or an ambulance is a serious concern for the homeowners, Guentner said.

Guentner added that Pumphrey and Lewis have failed to address violations of township ordinances regarding the weeds and branches. Guentner told board members he and Kelley were seeking a resolution and found it disheartening that the ordinance violations were not addressed and questioned the failure of anyone from the township to respond to his inquiries regarding the situation.

"Any type of response would have been better than no response All I'm asking is that someone address the violations," Guentner said.

Trustee Chuck Curmi responded asking the attorney if the matter involved "a dispute between two long-time

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Members of the Belleville Rotary Club, along with a few helpful friends, spent an evening last week refreshing and cleaning up the gazebo in Victory Park.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
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The names of the veterans buried at Thayer Cemetery are now memorialized on a special marker dedicated last week in a ceremony attended by local officials and relatives.

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The Save a Life Tour recently paid a visit to Romulus High School and provided tips to students about staying safe while driving including use of state-of-the-art simulators.

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Canton - Inkster

Liberty Fest returns to Canton

Canton Liberty Fest returns celebrating its 26th anniversary with three action-packed fun-filled days from Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, June 17 in Heritage Park

This year, the festival will take place from 1-11 p.m. Thursday, June 15, and Friday, June 16 and from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 17. Major sponsors for this annual community event, include: American 1 Credit Union; Atchinson Ford; Community Financial Credit Union; DMC Children's Hospital; The Goddard School of Early Childhood Development; Motor City MINI; Sysco; Todd Wenzel Automotive; Twisted Rooster and The Village Dentist.

Visitors can enjoy an exciting lineup of carnival rides, games and special attractions. Carnival rides and games will fill the Family Zone. Wristbands will be available for purchase on-site for $25 on Thursday, $27 on Friday, and $30 on Saturday.

Special sensory hours are set for 1-3 p.m. Thursday when carnival rides and Midway games lights and music will be turned off for festival-goers with special needs. Also new this year, the Taste of Liberty Fest and the Adult Beverage Tent will be located near the Amphitheater. Satisfy your taste buds throughout the festival at the Taste of Liberty Fest, sponsored by Twisted Rooster, where participating area restaurants will present their local specialties and compete for bragging rights in a taste contest presided over by Canton Supervisor Pat Williams. This year, participants include; Cold Stone Creamery; Desi Indian Kulfi; LaShisho Palace; On the Border; Tom+Chee; Twisted Rooster; U.P. Pasties Co.; Wok Asian Bistro and others. Signature menu items from these restaurants will be available from 5-10 p.m. on Thursday and 1-10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

A variety of food trucks will be parked near the Amphitheater from 4-11 p.m. Friday. The tentative line-up includes: Cosa Sabrosa, Crepe De-Twah, Hero or Villain Van, Marconi's Pizza,

Mito's Doner, Nu Deli, Pita Cruiser, Salt & Sugar Co., and Streetside Sushi.

On all three days of Liberty Fest, the Canton Rotary Club will be hosting an Adult Beverage Tent, which is sponsored by Liberty Street Brewing Company. The tent will be open from 4-10 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A selection of craft beers and hard ciders will be available. Festival-goers must be 21 years to purchase adult beverages.

The Annual Zumba Party will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Canton LIVE! Stage. Music and instructors will be on hand to participate in the Hawaiian Luau theme. Participants are asked to bring a water bottle to keep hydrated during the event. Entry fee is $5, cash only collected at the event.

Power Play Detroit performs at the Heritage Park Amphitheater starting at 7:30 p.m. covering favorite hits that the whole family will love.

Canton LIVE! Stage highlights on Friday include: A special appearance by Captain Barnacles and Kwazii Kitten stars of the television series The Octonauts™ as they explore the ocean in search of adventure and fun. The underwater duo will perform and meet them the crowds from 2-7 p.m. Friday.

Silver Sounds, featuring hits played by our favorite DJ will entertain from 7:30-9 p.m. and the Detroit Circus performs amazing feats of strength and acrobatics plus a fire show from 9-10 p.m.

Friday Amphitheater Stage entertainment will feature: Plymouth-Canton Step Team performing from 2:30-3 p.m.; Big Time Cheer, an all-star cheerleading squad performing energetic routines from 3-3:30 p.m.; SKULE, an educational nonprofit with a mission and acronym to Spread Knowledge Using Lyrics & Entertainment, will perform from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Seven to Zero, a popular local cover band, hits the stage from 5-7 p.m. just in time for the dinner crowd and Emerging Soul will play favorite hits from Etta James to Bruno Mars from 8-10 p.m.

Also on Friday, the Annual Spaghetti Dinner is planned from 5 - 9 p.m., while supplies last, with proceeds from the dinner going to the Canton Firefighter Charity.

Saturday highlights include the 22nd Annual Pancake Breakfast, from 7-11 a.m. sponsored by the Canton Lions Club in the Heritage Park North Pavilion.

Other Saturday entertainment highlights, include: International Festival cultural performances and displays at the Canton LIVE! Stage from 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. Boogie Dynomite will perform on the Canton LIVE! Stage from 8-10 p.m., presenting a variety of high-energy retro music.

Saturday Amphitheater Stage highlights include: Wine & Canvas, a drop-in paint 'n pour from 2-4 p.m., where 21 and over participants can enjoy an adult beverage in the beer tent and create a mini-canvas for just $5; Midwest Dueling Pianos will take the stage from 4-5:30 p.m., providing a unique brand of interactive entertainment; My Trivia Live will be offered to beer tent guests from 4-6 p.m., where participants can play some trivia with friends while enjoying some of the best music around; Weekend Comeback performs pop, rock, Motown, and more from 6:15-7:30 p.m.; and Crush, a Bon Jovi cover band, performs from 8-10 p.m.

Other Festival highlights for Friday and Saturday include: The H20 Zone, which will offer festival-goers a chance to cool off near the Canton LIVE! Stage with fun water attractions from noon-4 p.m. Canton warriors of all ages can test their Ninja Warrior skills on the Warped Wall and Obstacle Course from noon-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; participants will get three attempts for $5 per person. There will be a special festival appearance from one of the stars of NBC's Hit Show, American Ninja Warrior.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side both Friday and Saturday and enjoy a unique wildlife safari experience provided by Oasis Animals

The fireworks show is planned for dusk Saturday. For more information, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5460.

Heritage Park is located adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Legislators set meeting

State and county legislators will host a Coffee Hour in Inkster from noon until 1 p.m. June 12 at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library, 2205 Inkster Road.

State Sen. David Knezek, State Rep. Jewell Jones and Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson co-host the meeting every month.

Run

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Group Award will be presented to the best sparkling team of five or more people. A portion of all entry fees will help fund recreation and trail improvements in Canton.

Race registration fees are: $40 for the 5K run; $45 for the 10K run; $25 for the One Mile Fun Run; and $70 for the Uncle Sam Slam, featuring 5K and 10K. Packet pick-up is scheduled to take place from 4 - 7: p.m. June 16 in Heritage Park at Veteran's Parkway and Civic Center, or at 6:30 a.m. until 15 minutes before the start of each race.

This year the Liberty Run is sponsored by: Absopure, Comcast, Orange Theory Fitness, Michigan Fitness Foundation, Running Fit, and Canton Leisure Services.

The accompanying Liberty Fest festivities will begin again shortly after the start of the last race at 10 a.m. and will continue throughout the day.

Register for the Canton Run for Liberty at www.cantonliberty run.com.

ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will consider a Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District on property located at 47909 Halyard, Plymouth MI on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room. In accordance with MCL 207.554(4), this notice is published and posted and all residents and taxpayers are hereby advised of your right to appear and be heard on this issue.

Jerry Vorva
Plymouth Township Clerk

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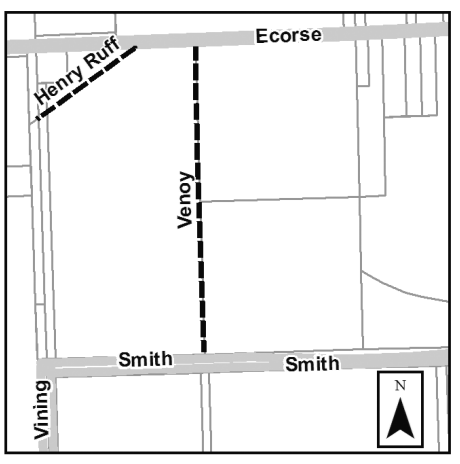
CITY OF ROMULUS
ROADS VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on **Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the following roads:

That portion of Venoy Road (a gravel road not in use) between Ecorse Road on the north and Smith Road on the south; and That portion of Henry Ruff Road (a gravel road not in use) between Ecorse Road on the north and proposed Vining Road on the west.

Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Ellen Craig-Bragg, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, June 12, 2017.



Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Wayne - Westland

Downtown Days planned throughout Wayne

Downtown Wayne will be the site of Downtown Days July 13 through 15 when shops and organizations will host numerous family-friendly activities throughout the weekend. A concert is planned in Goudy Park featuring Steve King and the Dittlies and the Detroit Institute of Arts will host a drop-in art workshop..

The event will feature a slate of activities and promotions meant to draw people into downtown Wayne, noted a spokesman from the Wayne Main Street project. Downtown Days may be a new name, the event is an expansion of the highly successful Sidewalk Sales activities that have taken place in Wayne for more than a decade.

Downtown Days will consist of family-friendly activities, entertainment and sidewalk and vendor sales. This event is an unprecedented collaboration between civic organizations and the downtown business community.

"Wayne has a number of cool retail establishments, a historic downtown and beautiful green spaces. This event will give people a reason to explore all that Wayne has to offer as well as showcase our downtown as a destination. We would love to make our downtown your downtown," noted Kim White-Jenkins, co-owner of Helium Studio.

> *This event will give people a reason to explore all that Wayne has to offer as well as showcase our downtown as a destination.*

Some of the events and activities that will be featured during the weekend include:

Thursday, July 13

• Sidewalk Sales begin and continue through Saturday, July 15

• 5-8 p.m. Knights of Columbus Lounge, 3144 S Wayne Road, will present an Evening Tea featuring Victoria's Tea

Friday, July 14

• 8 p.m. - Wayne Rotary presents Goudy Park Concerts-In-The-Park Series Kick Off with Steve King and the Dittlies

• Detroit Institute of Art Inside/Out Scavenger Hunt throughout downtown

Saturday, July 15

• 10 a.m. -4 p.m. - Flea Market at Helium Studio, 3127 S. Wayne Road featuring local pickers, recyclers/upcyclers, artists and makers.

• 11 a.m. 4 p.m. - Detroit Institute of Art Drop-in Art Workshop at the Knights of Columbus, 3144S. Wayne Road.

• Limited shuttle service will also be offered on Saturday to help participants get around town.

• 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.- Antique and Collectables Show and Sale at the Notre Dame Lounge, 3144 S Wayne Road.

• 11 a.m. Gate Way Classic Car Show, 2945 S. Wayne Road

• Icon Computers, 35858 W Michigan Ave. will host the Just Hearse'n Around Car Club with their Casketeria BBQ grill.

Northside Hardware, 2912 S Wayne Road will be continuing their tradition of offering sidewalk promotions and .25 cent hot dogs and pop throughout the weekend.

The event will take place the same weekend as the US-12 cruise, which is scheduled to take place beginning at noon Saturday, July 14, with entertainment scheduled on the US-12 American Bar & Grill patio, 34824 W Michigan Ave. throughout the day. Organizers of this event anticipate that Downtown Days will draw thousands of people into downtown Wayne.

For more information regarding the activities, visit downtownwayne.org/downtowndays.

Historical Commissioner is named

Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Melissa DeLuka as a new member of the Westland Historical Commission.

Melissa DeLuka

DeLuka has lived in Westland since 2000 and is employed as a Quality Supervisor at Ford Motor Co. She is currently a board member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and volunteered with the group in Westland long before volunteering to serve on the Historical Commission.

DeLuka grew up in the historic district of Ypsilanti and walked past historic Victorian homes every day. She spent much of her childhood exploring the rich cultural history of the area from the Native American roots to the early settlers and later automotive heritage. She said she is excited to work with the Historic Commission and share the history of the many neighborhoods and townships that make up Westland.

The Historical Commission is a nine-member board appointed by the mayor. The commission collects, maintains, and preserves any materials and documents relating to the history of Westland and Nankin Township. The commission also operates the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum at 857 N. Wayne Road. Meetings of the commission take place at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at the historical museum.

"We are excited to welcome Melissa to the Westland Historical Commission," commented Wild. "She brings with her a fresh perspective and an incredible passion for preserving Westland's rich historical significance."

Church will host Ice Cream Social

Timothy Lutheran Church will host an Ice Cream Social serving Guernsey Ice Cream treats, along with classic cars and oldies music from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. June 10.

A special guest appearance by Michigan Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame member Benny Speer of Benny & the Jets is planned from 1-3 p.m.

The church is located at 8820 North Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

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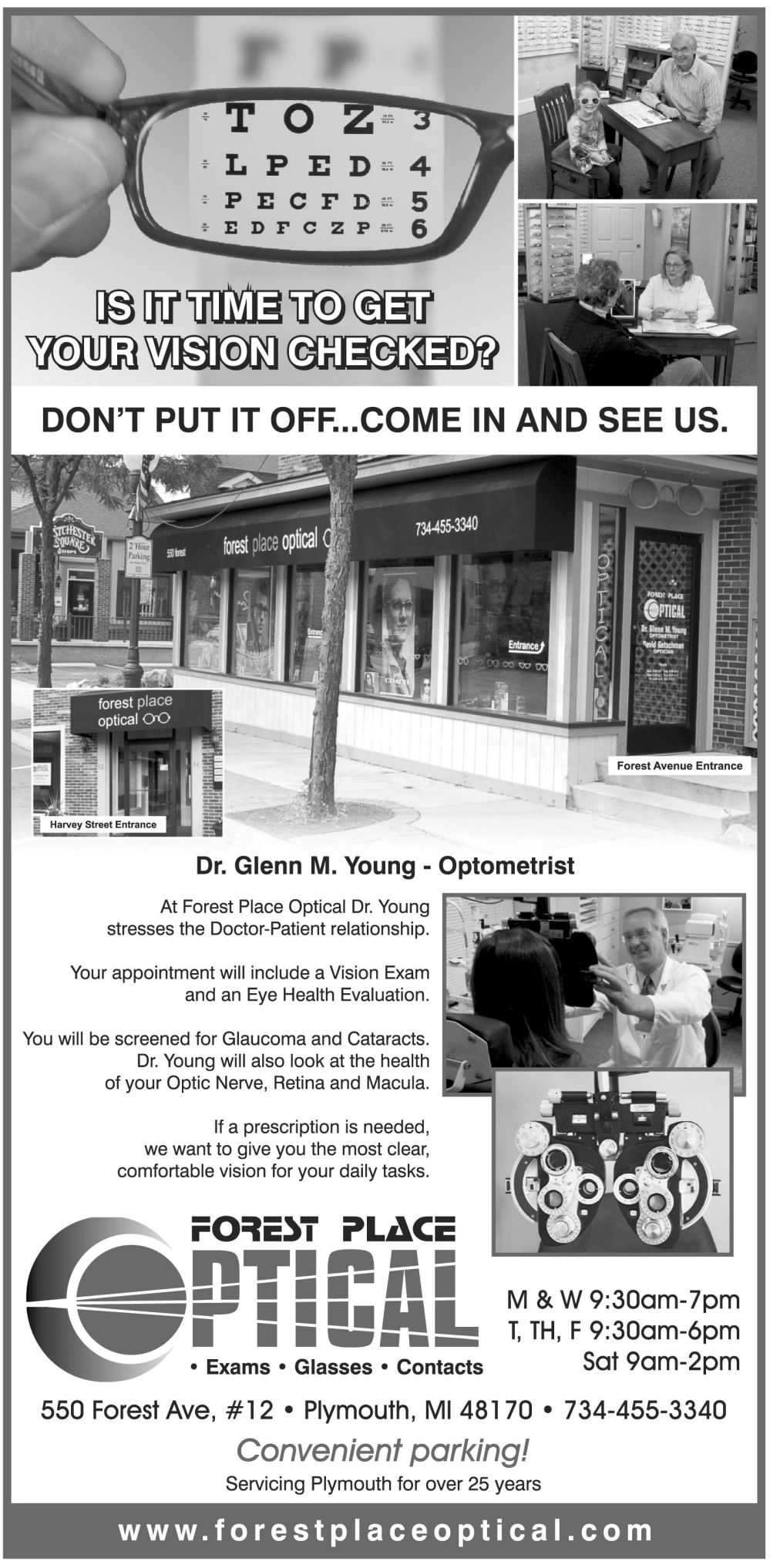
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Northville - Plymouth

Development booms in Plymouth

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *The township strives to protect the natural environment and expand the housing market to different demographics...*

Construction growth in Plymouth and Plymouth Township is booming with new single-family homes under construction or newly-built throughout the community. New residential development including condominiums, single-family homes and apartment buildings, along with new retail stores are bringing about change certain to attract new residents and have an effect on commerce and community demographics.

According to recent community and economic development publications, a major portion of the American population is aging seniors, creating a need to attract incoming young people if the community is to remain viable. According to the statistics, one in four people in Southeast Michigan will be older than 65 by the year 2045. It is anticipated that those projected demographic trends will have a strong effect on the national economy.

Local community leaders who are planning for an aging community also recognize the need for demographic changes. One major goal of the city master plan in Plymouth is to "promote a welcoming environment for commercial business and industry."

Plymouth city planners embraced the new Starkweather Lofts apartment development at 333 Plymouth Road now nearing completion. Built at the former site of the Columbia Mutual Insurance office, builders targeted the project at attracting young people who are looking for convenience and proximity to the downtown area. Jonna Properties of Sylvan Lake have created 93 modern lofts that will complement the neighborhood of the historic Old Village in Plymouth. The one-bedroom units will rent from $1650 to $1800 monthly, while the two-bedroom models will lease from $2050 to $2325 monthly.

The Schoolhouse Lofts of Plymouth being built by Curtis builders includes 22 luxury lofts being constructed within the former 67-year old Starkweather School building on Holbrook Street.

Commercial growth includes a new O'Reilly Auto Parts store also being developed by Jonna Properties. The new 6,900 square foot retail store is under construction now at the former site of Cornwell Pool in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor, near Main Street. Plymouth Township officials have approved plans to build a competitor parts store, Auto Zone, on the property formerly occupied by Pizza Hut also Ann Arbor Road.

Arctic Pond Ice Arena owners are undertaking a two-story building addition to the existing facility on Haggerty Road west of I-275. The addition will add 4,500 square feet on each of two floors.

St. Kenneth Catholic Church expansion plans, yet unannounced, are in the approval stages, according to township officials.

The Taco Bell at Main Street and Mill has started construction after the old building has been leveled to make way for a completely new structure. Awaiting final approval from the township planners, The Reserves, seven custom-built, detached single-family units on 4.7 acres in a gated community north of Ann Arbor Trail, west of Sheldon Road is ready to begin construction. Homes between 2,500-3,500 square feet, will be constructed in a mix of ranch and colonial styles. Tuscany Reserves of Plymouth being built by Gonzalez Enterprises will consist of 18, detached, single-family units located south of Ann Arbor Trail, east of McClumpha The site is a planned, gated community with new sidewalks running along Ann Arbor Trail consisting of ranch and colonial style homes, the 18 units feature first-floor master bedrooms and range between a total of 2,250-3,000 square feet.

The two-story office complex at 939 S. Mill St. is slated for façade renovation and site improvements to the existing building.

Polytec Research and Technology is building a new industrial facility on Halyard Drive, just west of the Metro West Technology Park on a 1.65 acre site. The two-story building with 9,500 square feet on the first floor and another 3,000 square feet on the second floor will be used for vehicle product development and testing.

Switzerland-based industrial group Oelikon Metco, Inc. has committed to construction of an 80,000 square foot manufacturing facility on Concept Drive in Plymouth Township expected to cost $50 million with plans to produce materials used in 3D printer processing.

Plymouth Town Square, LLC developer Plymouth Haggerty Associates has just completed a one story, 20,000 square foot office-service commercial build next to Plymouth Township Hall that is set for rentals.

Grand Sakwa Properties of Farmington Hills have commenced work on Plymouth Marketplace, the redevelopment of the former 100,000 square foot former Super Kmart property at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty in Plymouth Township to create a multi-tenant, multi-component retail shopping center. Two new outbuildings will also be constructed on the site. Members of the township planning commission recommended the project for a planned unit development in 2016.

Plymouth Township Community Planner Laura Haw of McKenna Associates, said the township continues to welcome new development opportunities that advance the quality of community life even though the township is fairly built-out.

"The township strives to protect the natural environment and expand the housing market to different demographics, including empty nesters, so that we may remain an inclusive and sustainable community," she said.

Cemetery marker celebrates veterans

Veterans from the War of 1812, The American Civil War, World War II and the Vietnam War share the same hallowed ground in a tiny Northville cemetery.

The names of the veterans buried at Thayer Cemetery are now memorialized on a special marker dedicated last week in a ceremony attended by local officials and relatives of the servicemen.

Howard Rundell, a retired captain with the U.S. Navy, was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the marker. He told the small crowd who gathered at the Six Mile and Napier Road graveyard that the veterans of every generation who sacrificed their lives deserved the gratitude of their country.

Morris Givens attended the ceremony and noted that his great-great-grandfather, John W. Lewis who served in the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry during the American Civil War was buried at Thayer.

Township Supervisor Bob Nix, author Kathleen Ripley Leo and Tillie Van Sickle, president of the Thayer Cemetery Association also attended the unveiling.

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Summer Reading Carnival Kickoff!

Celebrate the start of summer reading with a carnival at the library! We'll have prizes, NEW games, and much more!

Wildlife Safari will be here with LIVE animals, some superheroes will be stopping by and the Friends will be selling yummy breakfast treats!

Get your passport and complete it for entry into the prize drawing! You can win lunch at the police station, the fire station, with the mayor or win a $25 VISA gift card from Wings Financial Credit Union!

Winners announced at 11:15am. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!
Passport MUST be complete to enter drawing.

When: **Saturday, June 17 @10-11:30 am**

This program is FREE and is for all ages!

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On tour

Save A Life effort visits Romulus

The Save a Life Tour recently paid a visit to Romulus High School and provided tips to students about staying safe while driving.

With prom season and graduation quickly approaching, the students were offered the opportunity to get behind the wheel of state-of-the-art simulators and experience the actual life-threatening consequences of impaired or distracted driving.

The visit began with an assembly for the entire student body which included a 20-minute video that shared the outcomes of vehicle crashes caused by distracted or impaired driving. The students then heard a live presentation of personal stories.

"It was a great learning experience for me and my peers. As a current driver it made me think about my driving habits, and how I can be more cautious," said Romulus High School junior Earl Hollimon.

The Rev. Arthur Willis of the Romulus Drug Task Force, which sponsored the visit, said he felt the presentation would help teens understand the potential threat of drinking, texting or other distractions while driving.

"More and more young kids are getting into accidents, which puts themselves and the public at risk. We thought it would be a great deterrent to educate them on how to be safe drivers prior to prom season," Willis said.

At the conclusion of the tour, students were encouraged to sign a pledge stating that they would not drive while distracted or impaired.

The International Save A Life Tour is considered the most advanced and high-impact Safe Driving Awareness Program in the country, according to a spokesman. The multi-million dollar distracted and impaired simulations are the only ones in the nation that offer a completely realistic, sober perspective on the effects of driving while impaired or distracted, he added.

The tour, based in Grand Rapids, has visited hundreds of schools, universities, military bases, corporate events and offices across the country, according to the company website.

Safe A Life Tour representatives, school officials and students, above, welcomed the demonstration to Romulus High School recently. Below, students try our the state-of-the-art simulators.

Clean up crew

Members of the Belleville Rotary Club, along with a few helpful friends, spent an evening last week dressing up the gazebo in Victory Park. As they did last year, the Rotarians cleaned the area around the gazebo and planted about 20 flats of begonias to help beautify the park section for the summer. Rotary members have made tending to the gazebo and surrounding area a priority in the last few years, members noted. Keith Bruder did most of the pre-work for the event and brought the necessary tools while Garden Fantasy provided the flowers. In addition, the Little Free Library, adjacent to the gazebo, also received a little tender care from Dr. John MacDermid who built the attraction. Club members have several other improvements and upgrades to the gazebo planned.

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Calendar of events

Farmers market now open

The Canton Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 12 (closed July 2) at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

This open-air-market features a variety of Michigan grown and made food as well as hand-crafted items. The Farmers Market will take place rain or shine.

Find the latest market information on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket.

Concert series begins

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series - presented by Tom Holzer Ford - brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville Town Square from 7-9 p.m. every Friday night through Aug. 25.

The schedule features music from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Death by Design on stage

Inspire Theatre in Westland will present Death By Design, a murder mystery comedy at 7:30 p.m. June 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24 and at 3 p.m. June 11, 18 and 25.

All tickets for the performances are $16.

For information or tickets, visit inspiretheatre.com or call (734) 751-7057.

Chamber hosts dock party

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Dock Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 14. The event will include the installation of the new board of directors and serve as a kick off for the annual Strawberry Festival in the community.

The Dock Party will take place at Johnny's Bar and Grill, 146 High S. in Belleville.

The cost to attend is $10 for members and $15 for non-members of the chamber. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Deadline for reservations which can be made at (734) 697-7151 or by email at info@bellevilleareachamber.org, must be made by June 12.

Guiding Harbor sets fundraiser

Guiding Harbor is planning a 'make and take' sign fundraising event at 5:30 p.m. June 13.

Participants will make homemade wooden signs with vinyl sayings on 4-inch by 24-inch boards. A consultant will provide the needed boards, paint and sayings and teach painting techniques.

The cost is $25 for each sign and $10 will go toward Guiding Harbor programs.

For information or to register, call (734) 697-7242 ext. 18.

Guiding Harbor is located at 525 Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

3D photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program will include the best 3D images from the monthly competitions, plus the top images from the International Stereo Club Competition. After a refreshment break, the meeting will conclude with the presentation of annual awards.

The meeting is open to the public and visitors are welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Public safety is topic

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington and Fire Chief Mark Phillips will discuss the State of Public Safety during a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14.

The meeting will take place at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road.

Residents are encouraged to bring any questions or concerns for discussion during the meeting, which is open to the public.

The meeting is sponsored by the Plymouth Concerned Citizens.

Firefighters host Barbeque

The Wayne Firefighters will host a Charity Barbeque from noon until 3 p.m. June 17 at the fire station at 3300 South Wayne Road.

Firefighters will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs with condiments for a $5 donation.

There will be face painting, balloon animals and ice cream available during the event.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call (734) 722-1111.

Annual Flea Market planned

The Romulus Historical Society Annual Flea Market will take place from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Vendors must furnish their own tables at the event.

For more information, contact Cathy Morse (734) 941-6361.

Northville chalk festival opens

The Northville Art House Chalk Festival is now in its 4th year.

Artists of all ages will transform Northville sidewalks into works of art from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. June 17.

Visitors can watch professional artist demonstrations, listen to lively music, and be a part of the Arts and Acts fun. This year the Chalk Festival will be located on the sidewalks on Main, Wing, and Cady streets and surround the Young Artists Fair with artwork.

There is a $6 supply fee. Register at: https://northvillearthouse.org/special-events/chalk-festival/

Summer Reading Carnival set

A Summer Reading Carnival is planned at the Romulus Public Library from 10-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17.

Wildlife Safari will be on site with live animals, superheroes are scheduled to visit and the Friends of the Library will be selling breakfast treats. There will be prizes, new games and other activities. This is a free event open to all ages.

Students should complete their reading passports to enter into the prize drawing to win lunch at the police station or the fire station, lunch with the mayor or a $25 Visa gift card from Wings Financial Credit Union.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Father's Day run takes off

Registration for the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run presented by Genisys Credit Union will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 18 with the ¼ mile Kids Run; the 1-mile Fun Run will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the 5K run at 8:30 a.m. The 5K Walk will begin at 9 a.m., the 10K run at 9:15 a.m. Gazelle Sports Triple Register at www.plymouthfathersdayrun.org.

Volunteers are also needed and volunteer information is on the website above.

YMCA hosts Pistons clinic

The Plymouth YMCA will host a Pistons Academy Basketball Skills Clinic for boys and girls in grades 2 - 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Gym.

Cost for the clinic is $35 per student. The church is located at 1343 Penniman Ave, Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-2904 or contact Chelsea VanAssche at cvanassche@ymcadetroit.org

Puppets put on a show

The Romulus Public Library will present Alex Thomas and Friends, a puppet show, as part of the Summer Reading Program

The free puppet show is planned for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 at the library.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Pet Palooza at Farmers Market

The Westland Farmers and Artisans Market will welcome well-behaved dogs from 3-7 p.m. June 22.

Last Day Dog Rescue will be on site to facilitate adoptions during the day and there will be a pet treat and water station available.

The market takes place at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road in Central City Park. Vendors will be selling produce, plants, fresh foods and crafts. There is live music every week and EBT cards are accepted.

For more information, call (734) 326-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com

Ladies Night in Wayne

The Wayne chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Ladies Night event from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 22.

Sponsorships for the event are still available.

The program will take place at 34844 West Michigan Ave. in Wayne. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact KC at director@waynechamber.net or call (734) 721-0100.

Joint Shred Day set

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a shred day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. until noon (or trucks are filled) Saturday, June 24 at the Plymouth Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth.

Shred Legal will be providing the onsite shredding services. Plymouth Township will host another joint shred event in the fall.

Paper to be shredded shall be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can make multiple trips throughout the morning, however.

Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed from the plastic.

Residents participating must also provide proof of city or township residency with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill, or property tax bill.

Michigan Mobile Hard Drive Shredding will also be on site to securely dispose of old and unused hard drives. For more information, email shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Craft Beer Festival planned

Tapped in the Ville, a craft beer festival is planned from noon until 6 p.m. June 24 at Millennium Park, 45769 West Six Mile Road in Northville Township.

Tickets are prices at $30 per person and admission includes 10 tasting tickets and one ticket for a 12-ounce Tapped in the Ville mug.

Tickets are available at www.northville.org or at the Northville Chamber of Commerce office, 195 South Main St. in Northville.

The presenting sponsor of the event is Dick Scott Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth.

Packing party planned

Plymouth Community United Way and Pastel will host a Hygiene Kit Packing Party to benefit First Step from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, June 24. Pastel is new to the Plymouth community offers a place for women to rent work space, attend workshops, and engage with one another.

Volunteers can choose and sign up for what items they would like to bring to the packing event for First Step.

First Step is the only non-profit agency in Wayne County providing comprehensive services for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Pastel is located at 447 Forest Ave., Suite 1, Plymouth.

For more information call (734) 453-6879 x5.

Dispute

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business partners and friends who owned a company together?"

Guentner confirmed there was a pending circuit court action to quiet title on the surrounding land but said that case did not address the ordinance violations.

Land records show that Kelley sold his business and an adjoining 3-acre parcel of land several years ago to his former business partner, Mustafa Kay, whose home fronts on Ann Arbor Road and shares the access road. Guentner said Kay had conducted a survey and now wants to sell the land.

Kelley said that shortly after Kay sustained a severely debilitating and life-changing health event, his wife, Sharon Kay, objected to the trimming of the grass that abuts the south side of his home. She erected large orange survey markers and insisted Kelley not touch the overhanging tree branches on the shared access road.

Kelley said that he and his wife are concerned about the hindrance of emergency vehicles in the spring and fall when low branches from trees hang over the road making it nearly impassable. He said he was ordered not to cut the grass, which is now 29 inches tall, nor do any tree trimming. In addition, he said, Kay has charged that his power generator is on her property. He told board members that he received a warning letter from Pumpfrey stating that he was in violation of multiple township ordinances and was subject to a $500 fine.

"She (Kay) called the police on me two times," Kelley said.

"The ordinance officer is not your private posse that's going to go out there and hit your neighbors up for things. We're going to treat you like we treat everyone else," Township Supervisor Kurt Heise explained to Kelley. Township attorney Kevin Bennett concurred and took exception to Kelley's complaints about Pumpfrey and Lewis failing to take action.

"They are not the enforcing agency-the enforcing agency would be my office. Another avenue for them to take is to submit a local warrant request then the ultimate responsibility would be on me whether or not to bring charges. That's the process," Bennett said.

Kelley said after the meeting that he has a property deed that shows his shared ownership of the private drive. He said he also holds an official document concerning the ownership of the 50-foot strip to the south of his property that entitles him to cut the grass and keep his power generator on the land.

He said the dangerous tree and weed violations on the access road should be enforced by the township.